



# Dee-ni' Nuu-wee-ya'

## TOLOWA DEE-NI' NATION TRIBAL GOVERNMENT NEWSLETTER

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### 2020 GENERAL ELECTION



## PUBLIC NOTICE

April 9, 2020

### 2020 General Election Will Be Conducted By Absentee Ballot Only

In an effort to keep Tribal Membership and employees' safe the Tribal Council under their authority in the Constitution and operating under the emergency declaration established through Resolution 2020-19 motioned to conduct the 2020 General Election by absentee ballot only.

Registered voters will receive one large envelope containing all of this year's election information as well as their absentee ballot.

Ballots can be returned three ways:

1. By US mail at PO Box 1080, Smith River, CA 95567;
2. Dropped off at the Tribal Office external drop box – *on the porch, to the left of the main door* – located at 140 Rowdy creek Road in Smith River, CA 95567; or
3. On Election Day at the Howonquet Hall drop box from 8AM-3PM.

As a reminder, Tribal Members who are not registered to vote have until May 1, 2020 to register to vote.

Please contact the Tribal Office at (707) 487-9255 if you have questions.

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#### QUICK FACTS

WHO: Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation

WHAT: 2020 Election – Absentee Ballot Only

WHEN: May 16, 2020

WHERE: Smith River, CA

Public Notice # 2020-01-09

### 2020 TRIBAL COUNCIL NOMINEES

#### Accepted:

Debbie Boardman  
Kara Brundin-Miller  
Lenora Hall  
Denise Richards-Padgett  
Marvin Richards, Sr.  
Jaytuk Steinruck  
Scott Sullivan  
Jalea Walker-Orcutt

#### Declined:

Zackary Chapman  
Briannon Fraley  
Leslie Payne

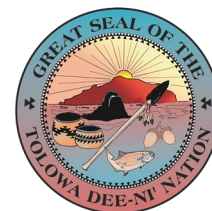
#### No Response:

Terry Bray  
Greg Blodgett

#### Did Not Meet Residency Requirement:

Leon Hinshaw  
Daniel Parke

**Election Information and Absentee Ballots were mailed to all registered voters on April 20, 2020. If you did not receive your packet, contact the tribal administration office at 707-487-9255.**



*Submitted by Theresa Ferrer, Voter Registrar*

# ENROLLMENT RESOLUTION

## Enrollment Questions Raised in 2019 Revealed Procedural Discrepancies that Have Been Fixed by Tribal Council in 2020

In 2019, questions from the Enrollment Committee spurred a review of electoral and enrollment processes that led to unwarranted panic and uproar within the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation membership. Before Staff and Council had the ability to perform its due diligence, a panic arose regarding the questioning of enrollment of members who were voted in under Article II Section 1 (C) of the Constitution.

After months of review, it was determined that the discrepancies in membership were procedural in nature, and the intent of the previous Councils were to grow the Tolowa membership. In 2001, then council enacted Resolution 01-38 entitled *Ruling on Tribal Membership Issues Pursuant to Resolution 21-21* to keep the membership whole, but the follow through with administration and proper documentation of the council's actions were not made.

In an effort to resolve the question of validity of membership of those voted in between 1992 and 2003, the Tribal Council went through a process to break down the issues into three areas, with three fixes.

The Tribal Council, with their constitutional authority, sought ways to correct and certify the actions they were taking to ensure the discussion of disenrollment would not be a viable option now or ever.

Council adopted Resolutions 2020-12 *Confirming Membership Status* pertaining to questions that arose of interpretation of vote count for the 1992 election, 2020-13 *Confirming Membership Status* pertaining to petition submission deadlines, and inclusion of lineal decedents and 2020-21 *Re-classifying Membership Status* to follow up with the actions taken by the 2001 council to administratively correct enrollment files to allow for inclusion of decedents of those enrolled under provision Section 1 (D) of Article II between 1994 and 2019.

The Tribal Council and Administration, developed solutions within each Resolution to confirm the actions of previous Councils as well as the current Council were well documented to ensure questions of enrollment are laid to rest. The Administration is focusing on increasing capacity in the Enrollment and Records Office, as well as reviewing the Election and Enrollment Ordinance to remove ambiguous areas of law.

The Tribal Council reaffirms the actions of past Councils, and maintains the official membership roll's integrity by adopting Resolutions 2020-12, 2020-13 and 2020-21.



# CENSUS 2020 PUBLIC NOTICE

In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the U.S. Census Bureau is adjusting 2020 Census operations to protect the health and safety of the American public and Census Bureau employees.

The following is the new US Census schedule:

- The self-response deadline has been extended until October 31st.
- Census Field Office Operations - including selecting and hiring field staff - June 1st.
- Leaving census packets and updating addresses for households who receive mail at a PO Box: June 13 - July 9
- Non-Response Follow-up- census takers visiting household to interview people in person - August 11 - October 31.

There is a chance people responding to the US Census without their identifier number may have to redo their responses. People who respond without the number will still be counted but there is a chance it will not be properly tied to their addresses. The change is related to the Census system capacity due to COVID-19 impacts. If you need to redo your response, you will receive notifications in the mail or an in-person visit from the US Census.



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## IN MEMORIAM

*Vanessa Jean Stowe*



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## Waa 'Ee-lee-te (Events)

**Education Committee Meeting 5pm**  
Nii~li~ Me'-ne' @ Lucky 7 Casino

**Indian Child Welfare Committee Meeting**  
Community and Family Services (ing)

**Regular Council Meeting 5:30pm**  
Howonquet (Xaa-wan')

**Natural Resources & Har**  
Nii~li~ Me'-ne' Meeting 5pm

**Waa-tr'vslh-'a~**  
Nii~li~ Me'-ne' Meeting 5pm

**Enrollment**  
K (Closed Meeting) 1pm

**Ho**  
Meeting 5pm @ Lucky 7 Casino

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Meeting 5:30pm (dinner at 5:00pm)  
quet (Xaa-wan'-k'wvt) Hall Community Center

**All Regularly scheduled tribal committee and Regular Tribal Council meetings are canceled until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** To exert and protect the inherent sovereignty endowed upon the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation to promote our tribal identity, and the wellbeing of our people, community, and environment by building a strong foundation, managing resources, and perpetuating our cultural lifeways and legacy.



# COUNCIL NOMINEE LETTERS

Dv-laa-ha~,

My name is Debbie Boardman. I am the daughter of Lawrence and Jean Boardman, and great-great granddaughter of Cha-met. I have lived in Harbor, Oregon all my life. I learned the importance of hard work and family from my Boardman, Gardner and Payne ancestors.

Children are an important part of my life. I have been a foster parent to nine children, becoming permanent guardian to Angel, and adopting James and Takoda. I served on the Parent Committee/Policy Council while the boys attended Howonquet Head Start. No matter how hard times get, children should always come first.

I was honored to serve on the Election Board for five years. I began working for the tribe in February 2011 as Receptionist at the Administration Office, then became an Office Assistant working in Enrollment and at the front desk. I have been editor of the tribe's monthly newsletter since December 2012.

I began providing administrative support, including compiling agendas and taking meeting minutes, for Tribal Council in May 2013. I officially became the Recording Secretary in December of 2014. During those years of working with Tribal Council, I have become knowledgeable of the important issues facing the tribe today and into the future.

I understand how tribal citizens can get frustrated at times, but I also recognize how fortunate we are to receive the services we do, largely from revenue generated from our relatively small casino. I am appreciative of the hard work by tribal enterprise and tribal government staff, and the leadership of Tribal Council.

I would be honored to serve on Tribal Council, working with fellow Councilors, staff and citizens to rebuild our tribe and move on when we get to the other side of the COVID-19 crisis. Stay safe!

Shu' shaa nin-la,

*Debbie Boardman*

Debbie Boardman

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation

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## LENORA HALL FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL

If you agree, then vote for me!

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation

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### Why do I want to be on Tribal Council?

1. I want a fair and transparent Tribal Government. If elected, I will listen, discuss, and find solutions to issues that the Tribe faces.
2. I want to know what is happening with all the Tribal enterprises and assets that we own. If elected, I will give a report every month on the status of the Tribal departments, assets, and financial well-being.
3. I want more communication about our Tribe. If elected, I will communicate on a near daily basis of all the information, plans, projects, and financial decisions that I make.
4. I want fair and equal employment for all Tribal Citizens within our enterprises and Tribal departments. If elected, I will ensure that there is an exact pay scale. Employees should be treated right and paid the correct pay for their experience and education degrees.
5. I want a Tribal Government that treats all Tribal Citizens in a caring and loving way. If elected, I will vote "no" for any resolution that may harm our people.

### What can I bring to the table?

1. Work ethic: I am a hard worker that shows up every day. I like to talk to Tribal Citizens and employees to find out what is happening within the Tribe.
2. Experience: I have worked two years as the TERO Director and the Education Director for our Tribe. This experience is valuable in that I understand the inner workings and issues of the Tribal office.
3. Education: I have a Master's degree in Education from Central Washington University. I owned my own tax business for three years. I have worked in Education for 30 years. My last position before now, was Superintendent.

Dv-laa-ha~

Shxuu-shi' Kara Brundin Miller

In this time of crisis with the world upside down, it is imperative to elect strong Tribal Leaders with extensive experience and knowledge of the Tribe. I will continue to be a very strong leader for our people using my years of experience. I will continue to use my extensive knowledge and integrity to make the correct and equitable decisions for all Tribal members.

In the days ahead very hard decisions will need to be made to assure our viability for the future of our existence. Protecting our sovereignty as a Tribal government, continuing to provide benefits and services to Tribal members, restarting our economic enterprises, continuing to preserve and practice our culture, and making those hard choices of what is in the best interest for all Tribal members.

We have many hurdles as a Tribe to overcome and it will take someone with business sense. I have co-owned and operated our farming business for over 30 years. I have been instrumental in developing the Lucky 7 casino for our people. What a blessing this business has been, I call it "fuel for our boat". It has been instrumental in building us financially to where we are today. Without it, we would have a boat, just no fuel or motor to operate it.

A few of the main items I am currently deeply involved with are the process of building our financial reserves, paying off our Tribal debt, and securing our gaming enterprise by completing the 25 year gaming compact with the Governor of the State of California to secure economic growth.

I am willing to serve from my heart to help the Tribe sustain and secure the future for all Tribal members.

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Shu' shaa nin-la

*Kara Brundin Miller*

Re-elect Kara Brundin Miller



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# COUNCIL NOMINEE LETTERS

XO-WÚN'-TI, My name is Marvin Richards, Sr. I am the son of Allen Richards, Sr. and Darlene Hostler-Richards, grandson of Edward and Alice Richards, Fred and Laura Hostler .Great grandson of Alec and Laura Billy.

I was raised up river for the first five years of my life, then down river where I continue to reside today. Marla and I raised our two sons in Smith River and have four beautiful grandchildren. I enjoy singing, dancing, making regalia, hunting, and fishing. I am a Tolowa language speaker, Howonquet dance singer and gained my cultural knowledge from tribal elders including Gobel Richards, Sam Lopez, Amelia Brown, Bernice Humphrey, Betty Green, Walter Richards, Sr., Frank and Fred Moorehead and Tom Parsons. Working with many tribal elders and Tom Parsons, I was involved in developing the Unifon alphabet and XUS-WE-YÓ', the first Tolowa Language book, which is something I am particularly proud of. I am an advocate of tribal hunting and fishing rights and the betterment of tribal citizen's quality of life.

I am currently serving on the following Tribal committees: Constitution Committee, Head Start Parent Committee, Language Committee and Natural Resources Harvesting Committee.

Although I will not make empty promises, some of the issues I will strive to improve are:

- o Elder programs to gain their vanishing knowledge-where will our culture be in the future?
- o Need for a Youth Center-where would our future generations be without guidance?
- o Supporting the Rowdy Creek Fish Hatchery-where would we be without our fish?
- o Saving our Water Shed-what would our harvesting look like without protection?
- o Hunting and fishing rights-why should we not have the right to feed our families?

I ask for your continued support in serving on our Tribal Council for this upcoming term.

Thank you,

Marvin Richards, Sr.

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Dv-laa-ha~,

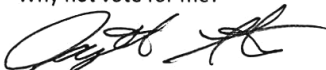
I accept my nomination for the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation 2020 General Election. I believe in strong leadership and participation for all tribal citizens in government.

I am a 41 year old father of three young tribal citizens. I was born and raised locally; and have learned from many Tolowa people and families. After a career in construction and carpentry, I have been employed in the Nation's Natural Resources Department for almost 7 years. My work combines Tolowa traditional knowledge and modern science to raise awareness, advocate, maintain and protect tribal resources. I serve on the Nation's Culture and Natural Resources and Harvesting Committees, the Rowdy Creek Fish Hatchery Board of Directors, Del Norte County Fish and Game Advisory Commission and Del Norte County Unified School District Athletic Advisory Committee.

I enjoy passing on knowledge to anyone who wants to learn. I coach native youth through Del Norte Little League Softball, Del Norte Parks and Recreation Youth Basketball and Del Norte Youth Wrestling. I lead a 4-H club of ten native youth. After years of playing sticks, I advocate for traditional stick games.

I will facilitate open communication with an honest and fair voice between tribal citizens, government, staff and local communities to identify goals and make informed decisions. My focus is our common strengths; we are all citizens of the Nation; our unique backgrounds and voices make us stronger. I will share my knowledge and have an open ear to learn from all of you. We can't forget the traditional knowledge we have learned from our elders and ancestors that came before us. They taught us! It is our responsibility to remember and pass on this knowledge! Let's use this common foundation to communicate with each other and build a strong future.

Why not vote for me?

  
Jaytuk Steinruck

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation

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April 8, 2020

Greetings Tribal Citizens,

My name is Denise Richards-Padgette. My parents are day-sri (the late) Frank & Lestie Richards, paternal grandparents are day-sri (the late) Ada Lopez and John Richards. I have accepted my nomination in the upcoming Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation General Election. I hope to continue working as your Tribal Council representative. I am seeking your vote for the May 16, 2020 election. I have a strong commitment and dedication for the wellness of our Tolowa community, as well as improvement of our government and enterprises.

Since I've retired from UIHS as the Regional Administrator, serving on Tribal Council has been my main priority. Some of our recent accomplishments include:

- Expansion of wastewater treatment facility;
- 26 new homes at Dat-naa-svt village;
- Creation of the Planning and Education departments;
- Secured funding for seasonal summer youth and labor employees.

Current committees and boards that I participate on include: UIHS Board, Executive, Finance and Cultural Resource Committees; NCIDC Board, and Northern CA Tribal Chairs.

We are experiencing an unprecedented situation with the current State of Emergency due to COVID-19 pandemic. Dealing with the impacts of this virus will be a great challenge. If re-elected I look forward to working as a team to seek the funding and other resources we need to restore and improve our operations.

Ongoing goals for the future I aim to promote include:

- Emergency preparedness
- Affordable Housing
- Economic Diversity
- Fishing, Hunting & Gathering Rights

As a Council representative I strive to be honest, fair and resourceful. In my spare time I enjoy culture activities. There is still a lot of work to be accomplished. I plan to be instrumental in promoting a better world for our future generations.

Respectfully,

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation

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Please Vote

Denise Richards-Padgette

954-9898

Absentee Ballots – submit ASAP

Election Day May 16, 2020 from 8am-3pm



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# COUNCIL NOMINEE LETTERS

Dv-laa-ha~ Xwii-t'i (hello everyone)!

My name is Scott Sullivan, and I am excited to be running for Tribal Council this year.

In the past I pushed to publish the attendance and motions of Tribal Council in the Tribe's newsletter. Those goals were reached and greater transparency into the actions of Tribal Council was achieved. I believe now that we should live-stream Tribal Council meetings for those tribal members who cannot make it to Smith River to participate in-person. I did research into the possibility of TDN broadcasting its meetings, and now with the technology being so easily accessible and affordable there is no reason not to!

In the months ahead it will be vital that Tribal Council and the Administration work to seek additional sources of revenue. When I was Chairman of our Tribe, I helped develop a Section 17 Corporation that would have allowed us increased ability to seek out additional business opportunities. We must select a qualified Board of Directors comprised of business leaders who can achieve results, not load it with only Tribal Council members. The new Section 17 should immediately be tasked with seeking out economic opportunities for which the Tribe has a competitive advantage and helping to diversify our revenue streams.

Food Sovereignty is something I am passionate about. Sustaining ourselves on our traditional foods has many different benefits. These include the health benefits that result from eating healthy natural foods as well as the increased knowledge of our traditional cultural beliefs as they relate to hunting and gathering. I support the work done to create the Harvest Title and believe Tolowas should be able to hunt and gather in our usual and accustomed places. Anyone who sits on Tribal Council should support such activities.

Thank you for your vote!



Shu' shaa nin-la,  
Scott Sullivan

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation

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Dv-laa-ha~ Tolowa members,

I am humbly looking for your support in this upcoming election. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter:

My name is Jalea Walker-Orcutt. I am from the villages of Howonquet and Yontocket. My parents are Jolanda Ingram-Obie and Duane Walker (Step-mother Sunnae [Whipple]), the granddaughter of Frances Lopez, and great-granddaughter of Edward and Lena (Smiley) Lopez.

I am running for tribal council because I believe that I can help be a part of the change that our tribe needs. I will be a positive representative for all of our members because I have a heart for all of our people, culture, and homeland. I care about everyone's wellbeing, and every decision made will be for the betterment of all members. I believe in transparency, honesty, integrity, equality, tribal sovereignty, accountability, traditional values, protecting our natural resources, and respect/caring for our elders and future generations.

We as tribal members need equality no matter where we live or what family we come from. We need complete transparency of tribal business, and a voice on what decisions are being made. It is the right of our people to know what is going on within the tribe. It is the council's job to be working for the betterment of our people. If elected I will put all of my heart and effort into taking care of all of our members and resources.

## Education

B.A. - Leadership Studies: Humboldt State University-2018  
A.A. - Behavioral & Social Sciences- College of the Redwoods- 2012

## Experience

Board Member- National Indian Child Welfare Association (2006-2012)  
Secretary- National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Youth Commission (2006-2012)

I really appreciate everyone's support in the upcoming election, if elected, know that you will have a voice, all tribal members are important.

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Jalea Walker-Orcutt

(707)954-3326

# COUNCIL ATTENDANCE AND MOTIONS-March 2020

March 12, 2020 Executive Meeting—Councilors Padgett, McCallum and Giovannetti attending IHS/CRIHB Annual Tribal Consultation

March 13, 2020 Emergency Meeting—All Councilors Present

March 16, 2020 Emergency Meeting—Councilor McCallum absent

March 19, 2020 Special Meeting—All Councilors Present

March 20, 2020 Emergency Meeting—All Councilors Present

March 26, 2020 Executive Meeting—All Councilors Present

**M/S/C (Miller/Nelson) 3-0-1 Motion to approve Chairperson sign Amendment #1 of Referenced Funding Agreement for Tribal Transportation Funds, receiving \$24,599.32 in Tribal Transportation Funds**

Ay~: Nelson, Richards, Miller      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Thompson

**M/S/C (Miller/Richards) 3-0-1 Motion to approve and Chairperson to sign Modification #1 to contract 1950-0917, with John Posposhil, adding an additional \$3,000**

Ay~: Nelson, Richards, Miller      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Thompson

**M/S/C (Nelson/Richards) 2-0-2 Motion to approve recording of, and Chairperson sign, Re-conveyance as stated in the Down Payment Assistance Policy**

Ay~: Nelson, Richards      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Thompson, Miller

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# COUNCIL ATTENDANCE AND MOTIONS-March 2020

**M/S/C (Miller/Nelson) 3-0-1 Motion to approve modification #5 of contract 1300-0583, with Lindsay Hart LLP, with yearly amount not to exceed \$80,000**  
`Ay~: Nelson, Richards, Miller      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Thompson

**M/S/C (Miller/Richards) 3-0-1 Motion to approve modification #3 of contract 1880-0862, with Berkey Williams LLP, not to exceed \$80,000**  
`Ay~: Nelson, Richards, Miller      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Thompson

**M/S/C (Miller/Richards) 3-0-1 Motion to approve modification #4 of contract 1600-0753, with Black & Rice LLP, not to exceed \$5,000**  
`Ay~: Nelson, Richards, Miller      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Thompson

**M/S/C (Miller/Nelson) 2-0-2 Motion to allow tribal members excluded from the casino to attend the 2020 General Membership Meeting in the Tolowa Event Center**  
`Ay~: Nelson, Miller      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Thompson, Richards

**M/S/C (Miller/ Richards) 3-0-1 Motion to approve application to National League of Cities grant for Census outreach and authorize the Chairperson to sign associated grant documents**  
`Ay~: Nelson, Richards, Miller      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Thompson

**M/S/C (McCallum/Nelson) 6-0-1 Motion to postpone the 2020 General Membership Meeting until April 4, 2020, practicing social distancing measures, under Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Constitution Article 4, Section 1a-Powers of Tribal Council**  
`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Padgett

**M/S/C (Nelson/Miller) 6-0-1 Motion to restrict tribal events and social gatherings, including but not limited to Tribal Committee meetings and Regular Council meetings until further notice, effective March 13, 2020**  
`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Padgett

**4-0-1 Poll vote to approve closure of Howonquet Early Learning Program, mirroring the actions of Del Norte County Unified School District, in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.**

**M/S/C (Miller/Thompson) 6-0-1 Motion to approve computer server purchase from Computer Logistics at cost of \$43,014.51**  
`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Padgett

**M/S/C (Miller/Thompson) 5-0-1 Motion to approve Lucky 7 Casino Enterprises Emergency Operations Plan in response to COVID-19, dated March 19, 2020**  
`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Padgett

**M/S/C (Thompson/Miller) 4-1-1 Motion to move forward with Option 1 of the Lucky 7 Casino Enterprises Emergency Operations Plan in response to COVID-19, dated March 19, 2020, with understanding that further action will be taken immediately as any changes occur, effective March 23, 2020**  
`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Miller      Duu: Richards      Xwee-la: Padgett

**M/S/C (Giovannetti/Miller) 5-0-1 Motion to approve Resolution 2020-19; Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Global COVID-19 Pandemic**  
`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Padgett

**M/S/C (Miller/Thompson) 6-0-1 Motion to approve implementing COVID-19 Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Operation Emergency Plan Phase I – Social Distancing, as authorized under Resolution 2020-19, effective March 23, 2020**  
`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Padgett

**M/S/C (McCallum/Giovannetti) 6-0-1 Motion to approve Chairperson sign and send letters of support for 5-year Reauthorization of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians to Representative Huffman, Senator Harris, Senator Feinstein, and Representative DeFazio**  
`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Padgett

**M/S/C (Thompson/Richards) 6-0-1 Motion to approve Chairperson sign and send National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) letters regarding prevention of Indian Tribal Government-Entity Defaults and Bankruptcies due to COVID-19**  
`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Padgett

**M/S/C (Thompson/Richards) 6-0-1 Motion to temporarily close Lucky 7 Casino, Club 7 Sports Lounge, and House of Howonquet Restaurant, effective immediately for two weeks due to the COVID-19 crisis, in order to protect our employees and community, and to reassess re-opening April 4, 2020 at 8:00am**

**M/S/C (Giovannetti/Nelson) 6-0-1 Motion to approve temporary closure of Howonquet Lodge effective March 31, 2020 in response to COVID-19 pandemic**  
`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Padgett

**M/S/C (Nelson/Miller) 6-0-1 Motion to approve the Tribal Census Program Policy and Census Questions Set 1**  
`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Padgett

**M/S/C (Miller/Giovannetti) 6-0-1 Motion to approve suspension of the Tribal Youth Activities Reimbursement Program until further notice, activities already paid for, January through March 2020, will be reimbursed**  
`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti      Duu: 0      Xwee-la: Padgett

**M/S/C (Thompson/Nelson) 6-0-1 Motion to approve Chairperson signature on letters of support for congressional funding during COVID-19 crisis**  
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Translation: `Ay~=Yes,    Duu=No,    Xwee-la=Abstain



# SAFE AND PROPER USE OF HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS & DISINFECTANTS

Household cleaners and disinfectants are potentially hazardous to human health and the environment, specifically to air and waterways. As we navigate our response to COVID-19, we encourage you to be mindful of the impact of cleaners and disinfectants and your role in maintaining a healthy home and environment. The tips and resources provided below highlight important information and guidelines to decreasing risks to your health, air and water.

## COVID-19: How It Spreads -

- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person to person, between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet), through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or may be inhaled into the lungs. These droplets can contaminate surfaces. Other people may pick up the virus by touching contaminated surfaces.

## COVID-19: How To Clean And Disinfect Your Home-

- Common household cleaners and disinfectants are effective.
- ALWAYS follow label instructions for dilutions, contact time, and appropriate protective equipment when using cleaners and disinfectants. If instructions are not followed then cleaning and disinfecting will not be successful. In addition, cleaners and disinfectants can cause asthma or make it worse; irritate skin, eyes, nose, throat and cause headaches; disrupt or act like hormones; and may potentially cause cancer
- Focus on high touch surfaces like remote controls, toilet handles, doorknobs and light switches
- If surfaces are dirty, clean them before disinfecting. Disinfectants will not work on dirty surfaces.
- Cleaners soaps and detergents remove dirt and organics. Cleaning refers to the removal of dirt and impurities, including germs, from surfaces. Cleaning alone does not kill germs. But by removing the germs, it decreases their number and therefore reduces risk of spreading infection.
- Disinfectants destroy or inactivate germs/viruses and prevent them from growing. Disinfecting works by using chemicals to kill germs on surfaces. This process does not clean dirty surfaces or remove germs, but kills germs remaining on a surface after cleaning.
- Always keep chemicals out of the air especially aerosols, disinfectants and cleaners. Do not use aerosols. Anytime you are cleaning open your windows and carefully follow label instructions to decrease risk of breathing chemicals from cleaners and disinfectants into the lungs.
- Open your windows often, especially during and after cleaning.

## COVID-19: How to Choose Safe Products-

- Green Cleaning refers to products and services that reduce health and environmental impact compared to other products and services used for the same purpose. Be aware of green washing, products that self proclaim green cleaning, make sure cleaners are approved. The EPA Design for the Environment for Pesticides– Safer Choice has created resources including lists and logos to help choose certified and safe products for cleaning and disinfecting.
- Stay away from products with dyes and fragrances. Dyes and fragrances do not clean or disinfect and are extremely hazardous to humans, air quality and water quality.
- The following logos are EPA approved green cleaners and disinfectants:



Green Seal Industrial and Institutional Cleaners Standard (GS-37)



UL ECOLOGO Hard Surface Cleaners Standard (UL 2759)



EPA (Fragrance-Free) Safer Choice

**We encourage you to explore the following online resources for more information on Safe & Proper Use of Household Cleaners & Disinfectants to maintain healthy homes and environment:**

EPA-Design for the Environment for Pesticides | Safer Choice  
EPA-Indoor Air Quality Tribal Partnership  
National Tribal Air Association  
Tribal Healthy Homes Network  
Centers for Disease Control  
Blue Sky Services -Residue Free Living

<https://www.epa.gov-saferchoice-design-environment-pesticides>  
[www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq/indoor-air-quality-tribal-partnersprogram](http://www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq/indoor-air-quality-tribal-partnersprogram)  
[thhnw.org](http://thhnw.org)  
<https://www.ntaatribalair.org>  
[cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://cdc.gov/coronavirus)



## ATTENTION VETERANS

# TOLOWA COLOR GUARD

The Tolowa Dee-ni Nation is looking to create a list of interested Tolowa Veterans to participate in the development of a Tolowa Color Guard to represent the needs of our community when called upon. Having our own Color Guard will help honor our sovereignty.



Throughout the year we have many events that the guard would potentially perform at.

Some of those include:

- Veteran Funerals
- Dee-ni' Day
- Dee-ni' Night
- Cemetery Cleanup
- Veterans Dinner
- Annual General Membership Meeting

To register as a Color Guard member, or to request to be included as an active or retired veteran with the Enrollment Department, please call:


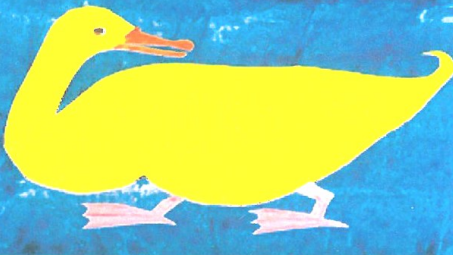

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Front Desk @ 707-487-9255

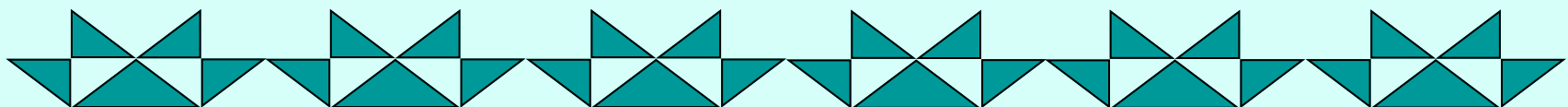


**Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation honors  
all the men and women who  
have died in the military  
service of our country.**



# BOOK OF THE MONTH

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| <p>T'uu-ya~ Lh'ee,</p>              | <p>T'uu-ya~ Lh'ee,</p>  | <p><b><u>Day-la ghii~-'i~? What do you see?</u></b></p> <p>Popular kid's book, Brown Bear, Brown Bear translated into Tolowa.</p> <p>Author: Bill Marin.<br/>Illustrated by: Eric Carle</p> <p>Administration for Native Americans (ANA) funded 2012.</p> |
|  <p>Bill Martin Jr / Eric Carle</p> | <p>Day-la<br/>Ghii~-'i~?</p> <p>Translated by<br/>TDN Language Department 2012</p>                        |   |



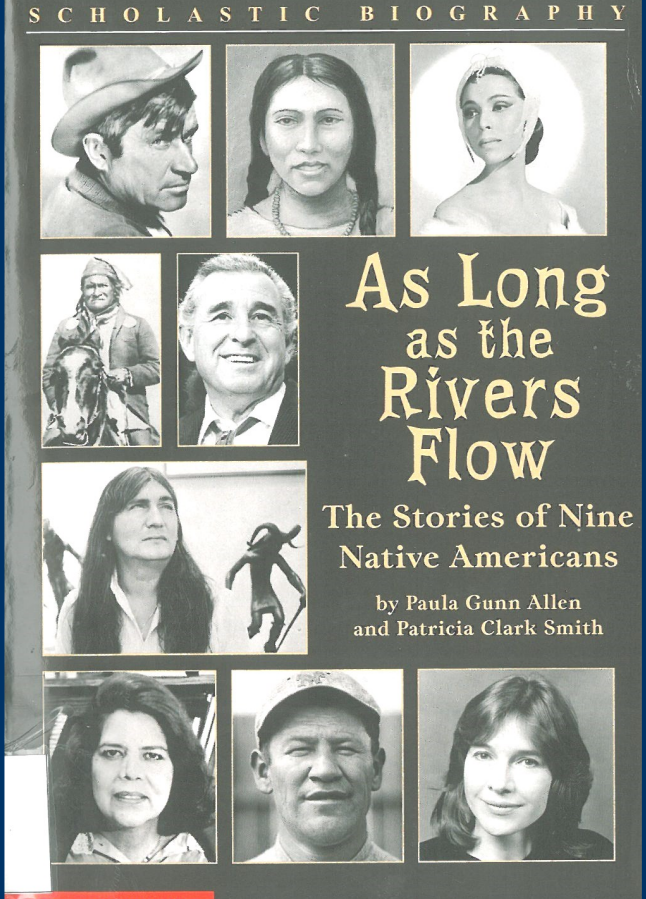
## **As Long as the Rivers Flow**

Author: Allen & Smith  
Published: 1996

Through the centuries and across Tribal boundaries, countless Native Americans have made history, despite prejudices against them. The nine men and women in this collection are just a few of them. People highlighted in this book are: Weetamoo, Geronimo, Will Rogers, Jim Thorpe, Maria Tallchief, Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell, Wilma Pearl Mankiller, Michael Naranjo, and Louise Erdrich.

For information on these books, and many others available from the tribal library, contact the Education Department at 707-487-9255 ext. 1190.

SCHOLASTIC BIOGRAPHY



**As Long as the Rivers Flow**  
The Stories of Nine Native Americans  
by Paula Gunn Allen and Patricia Clark Smith

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# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Noe Guerrero is the son of Arturo and Bernadine Guerrero. His ancestors include Great-Grandmother the late Ethel Mae Van Pelt-Chase and her mother Rose Lopez. Noe's Great-Great Aunt Betty Brown and her children still reside in the Smith River area and continue to carry on Tolowa traditions.

Noe grew up in Wapato, Washington, and attended Wapato High School. He attends Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Washington, with an undergrad major in Exercise Science and minor in Communication Studies. He will graduate in 2020. In his five years at EWU, Noe joined Omega Delta Phi Fraternity Inc. which allowed him to complete over 500 hours of community service within the Cheney/Spokane community. He was also part of the EWU cheer team during football season.

Being a first-generation student, Noe made a goal to earn a degree for not only his future, but for his parents as well. He held himself to staying away from home to get said degree and to help himself become more independent. Noe plans on pursuing a Master's Degree in teaching and becoming a high school teacher of nutrition, anatomy or P.E.

"Even when things get hard, whether it be a family issue, life problems, or even self-doubt, keep pushing. When there's a bump in your path, it's ok to slow down, but it's never ok to stop and turn around. We all have a journey, and none of them follow the same route. Keep your head up, keep pushing, and most importantly, remember where you came from."

## EDUCATION REPORT

### **Higher Education Program (HEP):**

The COVID19 issue has completely shut down most colleges and universities. Most of the closed institutions are offering online programs and degrees. Now is the time to consider going to or returning to college. If you would like to take on line classes, funding is available for fall, 2020 term.

The HEP also funds other fees for careers that have a continual need for license renewal or testing fees. Two of the most common careers that need continual state licensing, license renewal, testing fees, professional development courses. This applies to Continuing Education credits for: CEU, CPE, HRCI, PDC, PDU, which are all specific career oriented degrees and licenses. If you have not used up your life time benefit of HEP funding, then you could apply to have these expenses covered.

The Corona Virus has closed most of the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation's Tribal Enterprises. These enterprises fund the scholarship fund. The Education met on March 9 to discuss the effects of reduced funding. The Education Committee came up with a tiered scholarship system to recommend to the Tribal Council. The Tribal Council discussed and approved a new funding amount for the 2020/21 academic year. The yearly amount of HEP funding is reduced from \$6,667.00 per year to \$4,000.00 per year. Also, funding will **not** be available for the summer, 2020 term. This is a temporary situation due to lack of funds. In the future, when things return to normal, the Education Department will revisit the Higher Education Policy and Procedures.

If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, please contact Lenora Hall, 707-487-9255, ext. 1190, [lenora.hall@tolowa.com](mailto:lenora.hall@tolowa.com) or Mattie Castellaw, 707-487-9255, ext. 1550, [mattie.castellaw@tolowa.com](mailto:mattie.castellaw@tolowa.com)

**Announcement:** Students are required, per Higher Education Policy and Procedures CFS-17-01; CFS-17-01 PR, to send in their semester/quarter grades no matter if you have graduated or are taking a break from school.

### **Tolowa Language Program:**

The Wee-ya' (*language*) program has cancelled all community and Headstart/ELC classes until further notice. Once the virus has subsided, classes will be scheduled. There are two color books available for Tribal Citizens. If you would like an animal or "They Dove for the Sun" color book, please contact Kyle Hinshaw, 707-487-9255, ext. 1173, [kyle.hinshaw@tolowa.com](mailto:kyle.hinshaw@tolowa.com).

### **Tolowa Dee-ni' Tribal Library:**

The Education Department has written, completed and filed for the FY2020 Library Basic Grant. The IMLS Library Grant will sustain our current operations and services. There are three new goals for this grant year. The first is to have a regalia necklace making NDNtivity. This will be a one day workshop type class.

The second NDNtivity is to start and plant indigenous plants. All ages and families may participate in both of these NDNtivity offerings. The workshops will be held at the TDN Library located at 110c First Street, Smith River, CA 95567. The Education Department will advertise the schedule of events at a later date.

A new innovative idea that has been written into the FY20 Library Grant is called the "Book Bag" program. The idea behind this program is to build book bags with a popular themed book, coloring sheets/book, crayons, model, toy, and activity sheet. Then, Tribal children/youth may check out the book bag, read the book, complete the activity list, and return the book bag to the Library. Then, they can check out the next book bag. It would be like having a cape in the book bag titled, "No, David" so that children can use the cape to act like David.

### **Education:**

The Education department has the goal of researching grants and scholarship opportunities for our Tribal Citizens. Once the list is compiled, it will be available on the TDN website, TDN Facebook page, and the Education Facebook page.

The status of the Youth Language Camp is undetermined at this time. Staff is planning and organizing though. If anyone has ideas or suggestions, please contact the Education Department.

# ROWDY CREEK FISH HATCHERY

It's that time again! Rowdy Creek Fish Hatchery will be adipose clipping and coded wire tagging (CWT) juvenile Chinook salmon for the next couple of months.

Why do we do this? The clipping of the adipose fin is a visual indicator that the fish is of hatchery origin and contains a CWT. The CWT identifies batches of fish and is marked with rows of numbers denoting specific batch codes for the Rowdy Creek Fish Hatchery.

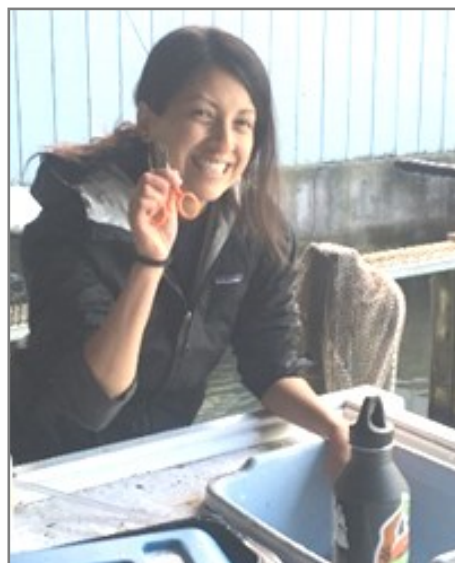
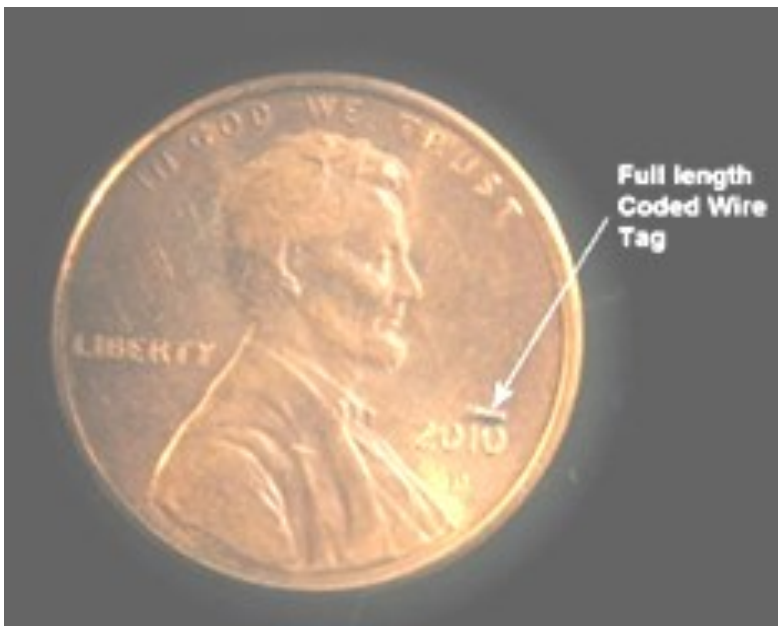
Groups of juveniles are collected and sedated prior to tagging. Then, using an automated tagger as seen in the photo below, the tag is injected into the juvenile's snout and small scissors are used to remove the adipose fin. The whole tagging process takes less than a minute and the fish are then returned to the ponds to recover from sedation.

Tagged adult fish that are caught in various fisheries, or return to the hatchery can be easily tracked by removing the snouts. The snouts of the adults with clipped adipose fins are submitted by fishermen, both commercial and recreational, and fish hatchery managers to State Fisheries Biologists.

The tag is removed and placed under a microscope to identify the numbers on the tags and determine the fish's origin. This data from recovered tags is used to manage fisheries and track the movements and survival rates of the Rowdy Creek Fish Hatchery fish stocks.

**Every** Chinook at Rowdy Creek Fish Hatchery is manually clipped and receives a CWT. This huge undertaking is accomplished by Rowdy Creek Fish Hatchery Staff, Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Staff, and community volunteers. It can take months to manually mark and tag all the fish due to this labor-intensive process!

*Submitted by Jennifer Jacobs  
Fisheries Program Manager*





# COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES COVID-19 SERVICE UPDATE

Community & Family Services continues to provide multiple services to our tribal community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In compliance with social distancing guidelines and as many community members are sheltering in place, we have adjusted some department policies and procedures:

- Offices are closed to the public. CFS direct line 707-487-3183 for all program information and questions.
- Staff hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. All offices are closed on Friday.
- Reports, case management, applications and intake interviews will be conducted via telephone, mail, email and other forms of electronic communications. Please call the number above, or your worker for more information.
- Both CFS offices have secure drop box for document submission.

**Child Welfare and Family Services:** Social Workers will continue to take reports of suspected child abuse, provide court advocacy and case management services to TDN children who are victims of child abuse and neglect.

**Child Victim Advocacy Project:** Advocate will accept referrals to services, provide client case management, client advocacy and emergency/ crisis services to children who are victims of crime.

**TANF:** All services continue; there are three levels of assistance available.

**Tribal Assistance Programs:** Staff will continue to accept and process assistance applications.

**Substance Abuse Program:** Counselors will continue to offer services by telephone or video conferencing.

**Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services:** Crisis services for victims will continue to be available 24 hours a day by calling 707-487-3175. Advocates will provide supportive services however, we will not provide direct client transportation at this time.

Please call the CFS direct application line at 707-487-3183 for more information.

## FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAM

### Foster Care

‘Every child deserves a champion – an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best they can possibly be.’

- Are you a Tribal member or part of a Tribal home?
- Have you ever considered how you can help our children?
- Do you live in our five county service area? Not in the service area? Call us and we can point you in the right direction to become a Foster Parent for your community.

Tribal children need you! If you feel you can help, please Call Carolina Arenas or Heather Lopez at Tolowa Dee-ni Nation Community and Family Services to find out how at (707) 487-9255.

### Child Welfare

Child Welfare Services is still providing services during the pandemic. April was Child Abuse Prevention month but we are planning to continue our education and outreach to the community in May.

Several CFS staff attended the National Indian Child Welfare Association-Positive Indian Parenting. We are developing a curriculum to roll this out for the TDN community. The approach will be twofold: Group Parenting Classes and Individual One to One Coaching. PIP focuses on traditional and culturally specific parenting practices and values. We will explore attitudes in a variety of traditional child-rearing ways and apply them to

values and challenges of modern parenting skills. This project will be rolled out in June.

### Substance Abuse Program

The Substance Abuse Program is expanding services and outreach to Native Americans living in Curry and Del Norte Counties. The Substance Abuse Program uses a unique, evidence-based approach that centers on thinking and the use of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT). CBT teaches recovering addicts to find connections between their thoughts, feelings and actions and increase awareness of how these things impact recovery.

Michael Harling and Kathleen Daignault. Michael is a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor II (CADC II) and Kathleen is working on certification as a CDC I. The program is now in the process of fully implementing the grant program and is focused primarily on Del Norte and Curry Counties.

During the Emergency Resolution, the program is not seeing clients in person but services are available by telephone or video conferencing.

**For more information or to make an appointment please contact Michael or Kathleen at (707) 487-0255, Ext 1195.**



# COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES

## **CFS Staff Locations:**

- 110 W First Street  
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program  
Substance Abuse Counseling (located in modular)
- 16299 US HWY 101 N  
Family Services  
TANF  
Tribal Services – burial, elder emergency assistance, general assistance, medical assistance, catastrophic emergency

## **You may be eligible for some of the following programs:**

### **Burial Assistance:**

#### **Available to all Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Citizens**

- Obtain and complete an application for assistance, along with all information needed for assistance: name of funeral home, etc.
- CFS staff will contact the funeral home and request the following: death certificate, and burial bill.
- There is a max allowance of \$3,500 for assistance. **IF**, there are funds left over, the remaining balance may be awarded to an heir, or next of kin to the deceased.

### **Catastrophic Emergency Assistance:**

#### **Available to Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Citizens who reside in our 5 county service area ONLY (Coos, Curry, Josephine, Del Norte and Humboldt)**

- Payment may be provided to individuals or families who suffer fire, flood, or other destruction of their home and loss or damage to personal possessions. TDN will make payments only for essential needs and other non-medical necessities.
- Reasonable effort shall be made to avoid duplication of assistance that may be provided by another agency.
- Eligibility:
  - ◊ TDN Citizen must be 18 years and older
  - ◊ Primary residence of the applicant, provide verification
  - ◊ Primary residence is within the 5 county service area
  - ◊ Apply within two (2) weeks of home disaster

### **Elder Emergency Assistance:**

#### **Available to Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Citizens who reside in our 5 county service area ONLY (Coos, Curry, Josephine, Del Norte and Humboldt)**

- Obtain and complete an application for assistance.
- Completed and accepted applications will be eligible for a maximum allowance of \$500 per calendar year.

### **General Assistance:**

#### **Available to Tolowa Dee-ni' Tribal Citizens who reside in our 5 county service area ONLY (Coos, Curry, Josephine, Del Norte and Humboldt)**

- Provides financial assistance to eligible Tribal Citizens with a goal to increase self-sufficiency. This is accomplished through specific steps an individual will take to increase independence as outlined in his/her Individual Self-Sufficiency Plan (ISP)
- Obtain and complete an application for general assistance. Applicants MUST submit all information required, in order for an application to be complete.
- Applicants with children must apply for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and submit an approval or denial letter.
- Applicants who are disabled and unable to work must apply for other financial assistance, such as State Disability, SSI/SSP, SSD, Workers compensation, etc.
- Applicants who are able to work, must apply with TDN TERO dept.,

and your local workforce center.

- Applicants also must apply for food stamps in your county, and submit approval or denial letter.
- Applicants must pass a drug test.

### **Medical Assistance:**

#### **Available to all Tolowa Dee-ni' Tribal Citizens**

- This program was established to benefit and enrich the lives of our Tribal Citizens by providing transportation/lodging reimbursements for medical care not available in their community.
- Medical Assistance Grant Awards, annual maximum allowance shall not exceed \$750.
- \$75 for trips one-way from 50 - 199 miles, or \$150 for trips one-way from 200 + miles, from a Tribal Citizens home.
- Payments are not made retro actively; Tribal Citizens have the responsibility to request assistance prior to appointment date, or in the case of an emergency, ten (10) business days of the appointment.
- Enrolled Citizens of Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation may choose to use their medical assistance on behalf of their legal spouse, but the allowance will not exceed the payment standard in any applicable category.

### **Hospitalization Assistance:**

- Available for members or their spouse who are hospitalized. Members or their spouses are eligible for \$100 a day after a verified hospitalization of three (3) consecutive days; up to, and not to exceed, \$1,000 for inpatient treatment.
- Limited to one per calendar year per member.

### **Consecutive Treatment/Long Term Therapy:**

- Long term therapy or consecutive treatment is available for certain life threatening conditions including, but not limited to, cancer, renal failure, neurological disorders and coronary heart disease.
- Is intended to help offset the cost of extended and/or repeated treatments such as chemotherapy, radiation therapy, and kidney dialysis.
- Limited to one per calendar year per member.

### **NCIDC LIHEAP- Energy Assistance: Contact Monica Calvillo** **Available to Tolowa Dee-ni' Tribal Citizens who reside in Del Norte or Humboldt County ONLY**

- Tribal Citizen must complete an NCIDC LIHEAP application and submit information specified on application; along with energy bill.
- NCIDC will verify information, approve or deny request.

**\*\*\*Due to COVID-19 Social Distancing regulations, you may be able to submit applications to NCIDC via phone or email. Contact NCIDC for more information at 707-464-3512.**

**Please remember that all programs are here to assist members in a time of need AND are made possible with available funding.**



# ACCESS TO SACRED SITES AND TRADITIONAL GATHERING PLACES

**During COVID-19 Pandemic:**

First and foremost it is strongly encouraged that our tribal members follow best practices of safety and adhere to the current stay-in-place orders declared by the California and Oregon State Governors. With that said, we realize that tribal members may still need to go out and gather traditional plants for ceremony and other cultural activities, as the gathering season is now upon us. The Tribal Historic Preservation Office would like to share what we currently know about access to sacred sites and traditional gathering areas for each agency:

**California State Parks:** currently in our region there is a “soft closure” of all CA State Parks. A soft closure means that the parks and parking lots are closed (gated) to vehicular traffic but can still be accessed via walking or hiking. Traditional plant gathering permits can be submitted through the THPO office. If you would like a permit application please contact me at: thpo@tolowa.com

- ☐ Includes: Jedediah Smith State Park, Mill Creek Horse Trail, Pelican Bay State Beach, Peacock Bar, Society Hole, Templeton Grove and Cadra Trail off of Old Mill

**Six Rivers National Forest:** currently the recreational facilities, including campgrounds and restrooms, are being closed to the public on April 30, 2020. However, sacred sites and traditional gathering areas are accessible through forest service roads and trails. The Traditional Gathering Policy for lands in California of the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management states that tribal members can gather

(without permits) “culturally utilized non-timber plants and fungi, including agave, beargrass, hazel, redbud, sedge, sumac, willow and yucca.” If you have any questions about this policy please contact me at thpo@tolowa.com

**Redwood National Park Service:** gathering in the National Parks prior to the pandemic of COVID-19 was already very limited. The only allowable food resources that can be gathered are one gallon of berries and hazelnuts per person per day and 10-gallons of acorns per person per day. The lands managed by National Park Service in Tolowa ancestral territory are fairly limited and mainly consist of the area south of Crescent City area including Cushing, Nickel, Damnation and Wilson Creeks. As well as a relatively small area around Jed Smith Campground and Hiouchi area.

**Rogue River Siskiyou National Forest:** reached out to staff, but have not received a response prior to the submission of this article.

**Oregon State Parks:** entire park system has been closed. Daytime use and/or overnight camping is not permitted at any state park. This includes parking lots.

*Submitted by: Amanda O’Connell, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer*



Should you see an Elk that has been killed or hit on the highway or a roadway in Del Norte County, please call the following members of the Tribe’s Natural Resources & Harvesting Committee/Natural Resources staff. Names are listed in order of preference, should you not reach the first name, please go on to the next.

- ⇒ Jaytuk Steinruck (707) 951-1188
- ⇒ Kurt Miller (707) 218-6140
- ⇒ Cynthia Ford (707) 951-9695
- ⇒ Troy Travis (707) 954-2441
- ⇒ Eric Brundin (707) 951-9148

**Note:** The elk meat is processed and distributed to Elders and used for Tribal events.

Submitted by the Natural Resources Department/Natural Resources & Harvesting Committee



## PRESS RELEASE

### TOLOWA DEE-NI' NATION RECEIVES AWARD FROM THE COVID-19 REGIONAL RESPONSE FUND TO ASSIST TRIBAL MEMBERS IN DEL NORTE AND CURRY COUNTIES

Smith River, CA – The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation's Incident Management Team (IMT) is actively assessing the local needs of Tribal Members during this crisis and seeking additional assistance to Tribal Member households. The Tribe has been awarded \$26, 835 from the Wild Rivers Community Foundation COVID-19 Regional Response Fund to deliver essentials to all Tribal Member families living in Del Norte and Curry Counties.

The Tribe provides services to over 700 tribal citizens and their families in these two counties. Given the stay at home order, we are checking in with our Tribal Citizens and working to provide regional services based on unmet needs in the following categories: Food, Shelter & Safety; Financial & Occupational; Mental & Physical and Emotional & Spiritual.

“The overwhelming issue our Tribal Citizens are experiencing is a lack of access to food, household items, and PPE,” said Dorothy Wait, the IMT's Services Chief.

Based on this need, the IMT applied to the Wild Rivers Community Foundation COVID-19 Regional Response Fund to assist in the development of necessary emergency services to assist the Tribe in additional services needed at this time.

In real time, rapid response, the Wild Rivers Community Foundation's Senior Initiatives Director, Michelle Carrillo delivered the award message via email yesterday, notifying the IMT that the Tribe's proposal was awarded.

The funds will empower the IMT to take preemptive actions to prevent local residents, especially the elderly and other immunosuppressed individuals, from being exposed to the virus by developing emergency services that bring resources directly to Tribal Citizen families.

This award will also allow the Services Division of the IMT to perform regular check-ins with Tribal Members to determine if their real-time needs, identified in the survey, are met. The information collected will be used to tailor actions that will be implemented under the Emergency Operations Plan.

All residents are asked to adhere to the US Centers for Disease Control's social distancing and transmission prevention recommendations.

***The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation's Incident Management Team is providing regular updates to Tribal citizens and the general public via social media, the [tolowa-nsn.gov](http://tolowa-nsn.gov), and a phone service called One Call Now. To sign up for One Call Now call or if you have general questions, please call (707) 487-9255. For information about Tribal services, please call (707) 487-3183.***

## Working From Home – Safely and Effectively



### The New Office

Times have changed in the work place! With today's concerns for employee safety and family welfare, more and more workers are being told to stay home – but keep working. What are the challenges? How can they be met?

### The Challenge – to stay effective

- Out of sight, out of mind? Employers need to know work from home employees are on the job. How can this be accomplished? Maintain good communication with supervisors and managers. Responding to emails, phones calls or text messages promptly shows you are at your desk, working. Communicate frequently.
- To-do-lists. Work closely with supervisors to keep to-do-lists updated. Working off lists, you are able to track your time and show progress. Obstacles can be noted and assistance requested through such methods. Ask your manager how to make use of Outlook in this way.
- Set a Routine. Make sure you have discussed your expected work hours with your supervisor before you start working from home. Once those hours have been established, make a point of sticking to them.
- Dress for work. Just because you could throw on a pair of sweatpants and a t-shirt as you head for your 'office', doesn't mean you should. When you focus on your appearance and make a point of dressing for work, it sends the right message to your brain that it is time to concentrate on daily tasks.

### Making Work From Home Safe

- Only use company or Tribal computers to work with documents, applications and email.
- Avoid spending undue time on Social Media – time flies when you are engaged in what others are doing or saying in your social circles.
- Report any problems or concerns with computer security promptly to IT.



# HOWONQUET(XAA-WAN'-K'WVT ) ELDER NUTRITION CENTER

| MONDAY                      | TUESDAY               | WEDNESDAY                   | THURSDAY            | FRIDAY                                     |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|--|
|                             |                       |                             |                     | 1<br>Breakfast                             |
| 4<br>Fettucine Alfredo      | 5<br>Chicken Sandwich | 6<br>Vegetable Beef Soup    | 7<br>Chef's Salad   | 8<br>Tomato Soup and<br>1/2 Tuna Sandwich  |
| 11<br>Bean & Cheese Burrito | 12<br>Baked Chicken   | 13<br>Potato Chowder        | 14<br>Spaghetti     | 15<br>Chicken Taco Salad                   |
| 18<br>Cheese Ravioli        | 19<br>Fish and Chips  | 20<br>Navy Bean Soup        | 21<br>Chicken Salad | 22<br>Hamburger w/Bun                      |
| 25<br>HOLIDAY               | 26<br>Hot Dog w/Bun   | 27<br>Chicken & Noodle Soup | 28<br>Tuna Salad    | 29<br>Beef & Gravy over<br>Mashed Potatoes |

\*\*\*\*Lunch by delivery only until further notice in response to COVID-19 pandemic. \*\*\*\*

**Suggested donations:**

Elders 55+, \$2 (some are free)

Under 55, \$7

**Reserve Lunch @ 707-487-0215 press option 3**

**Srwee-la' Num-nii~ma~s**

**(May)**

## Maa~-xush-ghalh Sri'-lhxvn (Birthday Happy) Srwee-la' Num-nii~ma~s (May)

Joseph Adams  
Kimber Adams  
Jack Aldape  
Blake Allen  
Danual Allen  
Mason Allen  
Apollo Anderson  
Margaret Arias  
Madison Balcom  
Thomas Balcom, Jr.  
Jeffery Barnes  
Christopher A. Barr  
Summer Barr  
Gavin Bartoo  
Fredrick D. Bartow  
Malena Bates  
Jon Batini  
Joseph Baugh  
Sharon Bergman  
Berkeley Betts  
Gregory Blodgett Jr.  
William Bommelyn Jr.  
William Bommelyn, Sr.  
Tenaya Brandon  
Jason Bravo  
Joel Bravo  
Terry Bray  
Tanner Brown  
Alexandrew Brundin  
Santino Buckman Baca  
Ken Carey  
Jamie Castellaw  
Mattie Castellaw  
Marie Chandler  
Debra Conard  
Christina Coulson

Kansas Coulson  
Conner Cox  
Seth Cutright  
Maya Dalton  
Douglas Dobrec  
Amanda Donahue  
Evelyn Early  
Janie Ekman  
Anakin Felix-Fender-Ramirez  
Craig Fletcher, Jr.  
Antone Folkins  
Josceyn Fouts  
Ian Fralich  
Evan Fullam  
Adriana Garcia  
Joel Garcia  
Preston Gerovac  
Jennifer Gleba  
Randy Gochanour  
Darby Gore  
Addison Griffin  
James Griffin  
Sarrah T. Grof  
Athena Guerrero  
Diesel Haddad  
Lindsay Hall  
Makennah Handsaker  
Charlene Harralson  
Christal Hash  
Mark Hempel  
Rebecca Hempel  
Sunshine Hempel  
Wesley J. Hinshaw  
Donald Hodges, Jr.  
Wilma Hoffman  
Susan Hogue

Maile Horn  
Anthony Hostler  
Calla Hostler  
Sikai Hubbart  
Amy Idol  
Forest James  
Hayden James  
Jaret Kahoalii  
Kinsley Kasinger  
Noa Kirby  
Lillian Kliever  
Karyne Lame Bull  
Cesilio Lamere  
David Land  
Blair Lesina  
Leah Linville  
Armando Lopez  
Austin Lopez  
Franklin Lopez  
Natasha Lopez  
Shaniqua Lopez  
Sierradawn Lopez  
Taya Lopez  
Darla Loucks  
Wendy Luerra  
Whitney May  
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Jacqueline Maynard  
Chloe McCann  
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Seleya Mena  
Miguel Mendoza  
Kirsten Miller  
Mikaela Mitchell  
Rowan Nelson

Josalyn Netzel  
Brannon Nyborg  
Laurel O'Reilly  
Layla Owen  
Lucian Parke  
Madison Parke  
Jayden Parras  
Harry D. Payne  
Joey Payne  
Wallace Payne  
Candace Penney  
Shane Persinger  
Izabella Pittman  
Aniya Pizarro  
Madonna Plants  
Jozaveena Ramirez  
Sheila L.T. Reed-Flores  
Patsy Reynolds  
Bronson Rhodes-Bodenstab  
Frank Edw. Richards  
Nevyn Richards-Davis  
Matthew Rodgers  
Logan Rogde  
Taylor Rogde  
Mary Safko  
Jesse Salmans  
Miller Sampels  
Nathaniel Samuelson  
Jaden Sanders  
Aaron Schlosser  
Dennis Scott  
Ieshia Searle  
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Mark Tvrdik  
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Cindy Warde  
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Toni Whipple  
Kaiyess Willburn  
Constance Wilson  
Raymond Workman-Smith  
Julie Zeltvay  
Taylor Zwierlein

# CONGRATULATIONS TRIBAL CITIZEN KARLIE SCOTT

We are proud to share that our youngest daughter, Karlie Iris Scott will be graduating from University of Oregon in the Class of 2020. She has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Linguistics and a minor in Native American Studies. Karlie accomplished many things in her college career including, being a saxaphonist in the Oregon Marching Band in at home and away athletic games, a Residential Assistant, a First Year Interest Group (FIG) Assistant, a Student Worker for the Northwest Indian Language Institute (NILI), a Youth Movement Executive Co-director, the first ever Native American and Indigenous Studies Academic Residential Community Advisor and in her senior year the Native American Student Union (NASU) Co-director where she was responsible for coordinating the 52nd Annual University of Oregon Mother's Day Pow Wow.



Karlle is center holding her nephew surrounded by her family.

Most notable was her discovery for the love of poetry. Karlle became a published poet, eloquently writing about complex emotion and thought about culture, ethnicity and identity as a Tolowa person.

*I will learn languages.  
And keep learning languages.  
I will learn to say I love you with all the bones in my body,  
in all the languages I can muster.  
Revitalize my soul with the components of my native tongue.  
My mouth has been dry for so long.  
My family need this water as much as my blood does.  
As much as my fingers need their nails cut.  
As much as my lungs need ocean air,  
river air,  
mountain air,  
creek air.  
I will breathe in knowledge and breathe out teachings.  
My people need me, I know it.  
I need my people too.  
I want to be a better person.  
To feel better.  
To grow.  
A fire has been lit inside me.  
And I feel warm.*

*By, Karlle Tee-mee-tr'e' Scott*

Karlle's motivation to study linguistics and participate in the native community on the University of Oregon campus stems from her love for her family, Tolowa community and her upbringing and participation in Tolowa cultural and community events.

We are beyond proud of her scholastic achievements and the woman she has become. We look forward to cheering her on in her next adventure. *GO DUCKS!*

Proud Parents,

John and Luanna Scott





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**SRWEE-LA' NUM-NII~--MA~S (MAY)**

**2020 TRIBAL NEWSLETTER**

**Lucky 7 Casino & Hotel - Letter Regarding Ongoing Closure**

Dear friends,

We wanted to write a brief situation status letter to our friends, tribal members, staff and interested parties. Hopefully this letter finds everyone well and safe with their loved ones.

As of the date of this writing, it has been approximately one month since the decision was made to temporarily close the casino property due to the ongoing COVID-19 virus situation. The choice was made with all deliberation, prioritizing both the health and safety of the tribe and community against the financial factors for the tribe, staff and casino operations. Ultimately, the public notice of the Governor of California at an evening press conference completed the decision to close the casino down immediately on the next morning. The hotel stayed open several more days until it also was closed, out of precaution and due to slow business. The Fuel Mart walk-in store was considered a part of essential services for this area. However, due to continuing concerns for staff health, it was eventually also closed, but reopened with limited hours and additional safety precautions on April 20. The gas pumps continue to remain open 24 hrs. /day with payment at the pump with credit or debit card.

With the changing information regarding the situation, we are not yet able to forecast the conditions beyond the next several weeks. Around the region, we see tribal casinos continuing with their own shutdown and rescheduling of the previous re-opening dates. Eventually, upon the "all-clear" signal, we anticipate that the industry as a whole will experience an extended recovery, stretched over multiple months of growth, as guests and players return to enjoy gaming services.

While we are anxious to re-open and welcome back our guests, we are also very aware of the health risks and dangers to our community as highlighted by our public health officials. We continue to look to the Tribal Council and public health officials for guidance.

We also would like to take a moment to thank our staff and the great job they do at helping create a valued entertainment center for the community—we could not do it without them. There are innumerable times a staff member has gone out of their way to be a part of a positive experience for our guests. We hope to see everyone back again and anticipate needing staff back in advance of a re-open date.

These are unprecedented times with uncertainty and hardship. We are grateful for our community, our staff and the ongoing support and guidance of the Tribal Council.

For our continuing communications, please see us at [lucky7casino.com](https://lucky7casino.com) and our social media channels. For direct messages, please email: [marketing@lucky7casino.com](mailto:marketing@lucky7casino.com), or contact us via Facebook messenger. For further health information, please see: <https://www.cdc.gov/Coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Thank you very much,

**John Scott**  
General Manager, Lucky 7 Casino & Hotel

The logo for Lucky 7 Casino & Hotel features a large green number 7 with the word "Lucky" in a script font across it. The words "CASINO" and "HOTEL" are written vertically on either side of the 7.